

RCPS  
Rappahannock County Public Schools

# Happenings & Highlights

We Are Rappahannock!

December 2021



Principal Gates posed with one of the large inflatable decorations that adorned the elementary school exterior. A 5<sup>th</sup> grade student led both the design layout and organizing decoration donations.



Ms. Buckley & Ms. Atkins dressed as holiday characters during the RCES Spirit Days.



Holiday Character Day at RCES was a hit with the students. This 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student attended the Action Based Learning Lab dressed as Santa.



RCES students posed for an "awkward family photo" in front of a Christmas tree during the recent spirit week.



RCES Principal Seward excitedly showed off his holiday spirit (and Hallmark Channel t-shirt).



RCES Nurse, Ms. Murray, posed with a team of reindeer inside the nurses' clinic. *Courtesy Photo*



The RCES Panther Band performed holiday selections during the Winter Concert on December 9th.



A first- grade student excitedly wore his elf hat to school.



RCES students enjoyed the Winter Gala, which was sponsored by the Rappahannock County Sheriff's Office. *Courtesy Photo*

### Important Dates

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>-Early Release (12pm) Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>- First day of Winter Break Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>- Prof. Development for staff Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>- First day of school for students

## Important Reminder for Families

Please help us reduce the chances of quarantines by keeping your child at home if you think they may have been exposed to the virus or if they have any symptoms, including mild symptoms:

- \*Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher
- \*Sore throat
- \*Cough (for students with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)
- \*Difficulty breathing (for students with asthma, a change from baseline breathing)
- \*Diarrhea or vomiting
- \*New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

If your student test positive for COVID-19, or has a suspected case, please notify Robyn Murray, School Nurse ASAP at 540-671-1077 or by reporting to our new google form so that we may begin contact training in order to reduce the possible spread.

### GOOGLE FORM

<https://forms.gle/nHpv1kHkVzThYYqb6>

For a **Spanish** version of this form, visit <https://forms.gle/REsxyeQ1JvgsoXts7>

To learn more about COVID in schools, please visit our COVID dashboard, which reflects complete, current, and accurate numbers of active cases and quarantines that impact school operations. The number of active cases and quarantine data will be updated weekly on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. To view the dashboard, visit [www.rappahannockschools.us](http://www.rappahannockschools.us). There is a link on our homepage which will route you to our School Reopening Information page.



On Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, RCHS students participated in exciting activities, such as scaling a 24 foot rock climbing wall, completing an extreme obstacle course, dancing in an extreme dance party inflatable, and much more during Renaissance Day. *Courtesy photos*



Pre-K students recently enjoyed the gorgeous weather while playing on the elementary school playground.



A look back at last month- RCPS students celebrated Veterans Day with an outdoor ceremony and a parade of heroes.

If you or your student is feeling anxious or depressed, we are here to help!  
Call or text our  
**EMOTIONAL SUPPORT HOTLINE:**  
**540-683-0437**